up the bridges on the Mavelikara—Thiruvalla road. The Member also submitted that the construction of the Thiruvalla—Mallapalli road by the people was being delayed owing to the route not being surveyed.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

80. Desirability for the Thumpaman—Kozhencheri road and the Pandalam—Aranmula road being taken over by Government.

Mr. S. Padmanabha Panikkar (Member, Nominated) submitted that his request was old and had been made from 1089. The people had finished both the roads and what remained was that they should be taken over and maintained by Government with the necessary culverts. A bridge was necessary on the latter road. He also requested that a Police Station should be established near the Sri Mula Vilasom market at Elavanthitta where a cattle fair was also being held every month.

Dewan's reply.—The road has not the required width, *viz.*, 42 feet, throughout its length. The Dewan Peishkar, Quilon, has been asked to ascertain and report whether the people of the localities are prepared to give over sufficient lands to make up the required width. Further action has to be taken on receipt of his report.

Member.—The people would be willing to surrender the required lands.

Dewan.—The Member will do well to meet the Peishkar on the subject. Estimates are being prepared for the culverts.

81. Conversion of the trace from Thamarakulam to Azhikal market *via* Oachira, into a road.

Mr. K. Velayudhan Panikkan (Member, Nominated) said that the members of the Araya community whose occupation was coir-making and fishing were being put to much hardship on account of the want of a good road for the transport of coir and fish to the other parts of the State. As a result of the representations they had been making from 1060, they were given the Sri Mula Madhavapuram market in 1080. Still they were in a most pitiable condition. It was impossible for them to live on their industry, as no outlets were available for the sale of their articles, which were greatly in demand elsewhere. The conversion of the trace from Thamarakulam to Azhikal market *via* Oachira, into a road would open up a new field for their living.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

82. Means of communication in the Shertallay taluk.

Mr. Vinamsi Thomas (Member, Shertallay taluk) complained about the sufferings of the taluk on account of want of means of communication. His first request was that a *thodu* should be opened from the western end of the Vadai Canal northwards as far as Kunjithai. The whole line of the *thodu* was studded with detached sheets of water called *pozhis* which had to be linked up so as to form a continuous canal. If the Government could not cut the *thodu*, the people were prepared to do the work, if the lands were acquired and handed over to them with a grant to be distributed over three years. If the *thodu* could be completed, it would enable other cross canals being cut in the taluk and means of communication would thus be rendered very easy. The second requirement of the taluk was the metalling of the road from Alleppey to Shertallay and from the latter place to Arur *via* Kuthiathodu. It was now covered by sand knee-deep. The roads from Shertallay to Thanneermukkam and Kunjithai should also be metalled. Trees also should be grown on either side of the roads to afford protection to the people from the heat of the sun which was unbearable on account of the sandy nature of the place. In conclusion, the Member submitted that, even if a light railway as proposed be constructed, it would not be of much use in the matter of inter-communication from one village to another in the taluk. Small canals and roads would even then be necessary in the interests of trade and of the people.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

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